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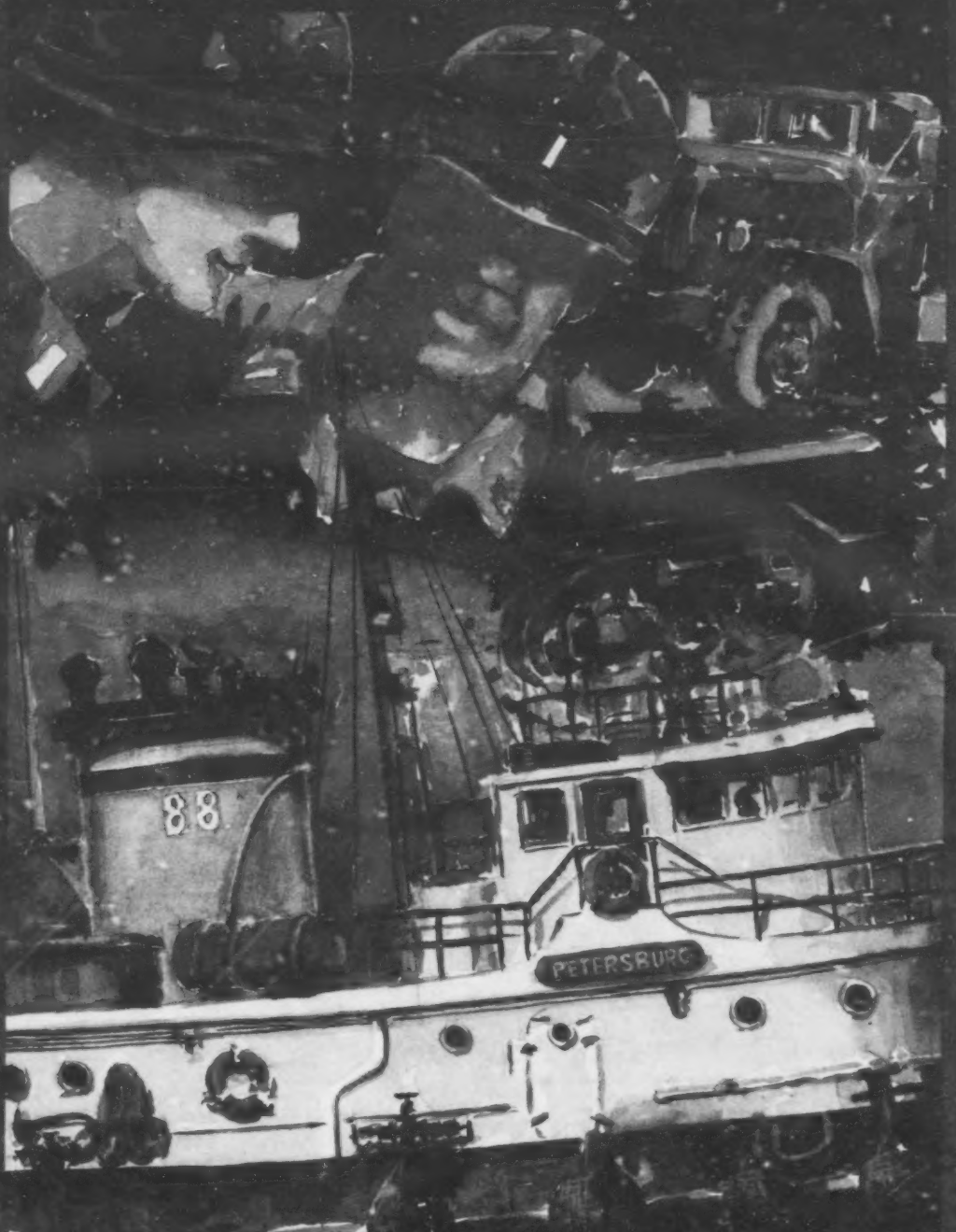

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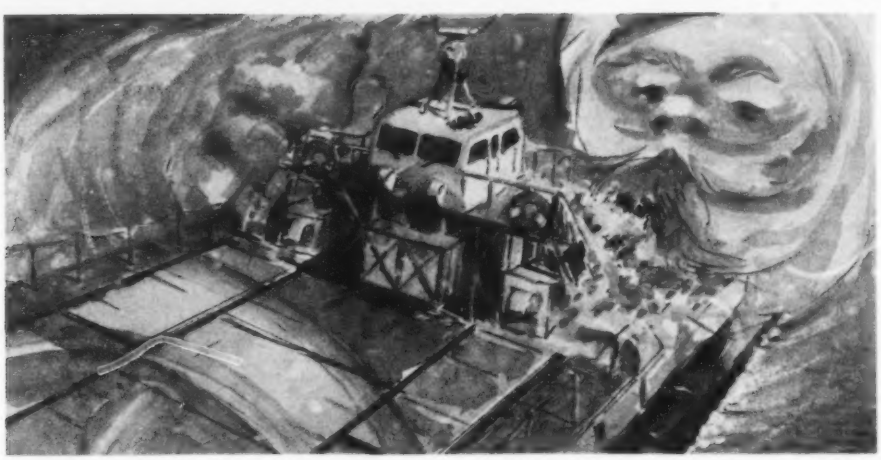
All Transportation Corps soldiers are members of the Transportation Regiment. The Transportation Regiment, which has an official activation date of 31 July 1986, is named the Transportation Corps and has its home at Fort Eustis, Virginia. The Regimental Crest, pictured above, was developed as a symbolic representation of the enormous contributions that the Transportation soldiers have made in every war, every theater, and every battle fought by the United States Army in modern history.

We are the SPEARHEAD OF LOGISTICS

INTRODUCTION



You are about to become an officer. And soon, you will be choosing a career field from a wide spectrum of military disciplines. How will you make that decision?

Every branch of the officer corps offers leadership training and experience. All branches will test your personnel and material management talents. Generally, your choice of assignment locations is the same regardless of branch. Your pay, advancement, benefits, privileges, housing and post facilities are generic and standardized throughout the military as a whole.

The only real difference among the fifteen major officer corps branches lies in what they do--the specific mission they perform every day. This pamphlet will give you an idea of what we do in the Transportation Corps. We move things. By truck. By sea. By air. And by rail. We are also logisticians, and every endeavor, whether military or civilian, is dependent upon, and subject to logistical requirements.

If you have an interest in being an officer, a soldier, a transporter, and a logistician, the TRANSPORTATION CORPS is not just a choice, it's the only choice.

THE PLACE

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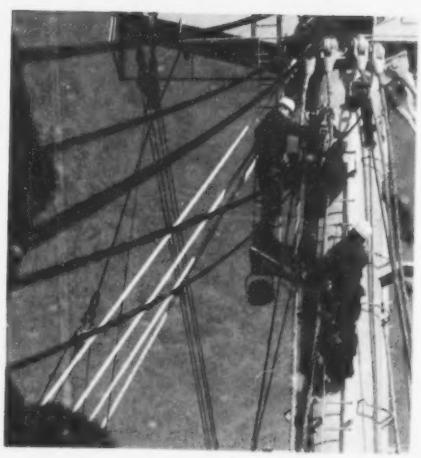

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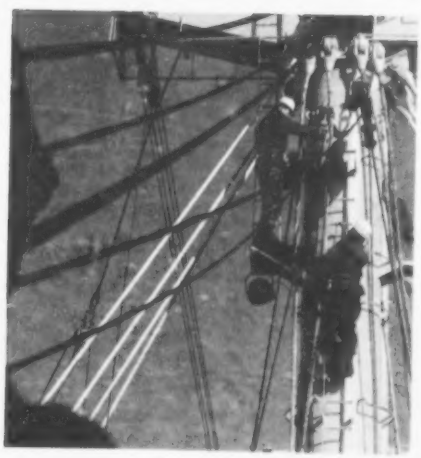

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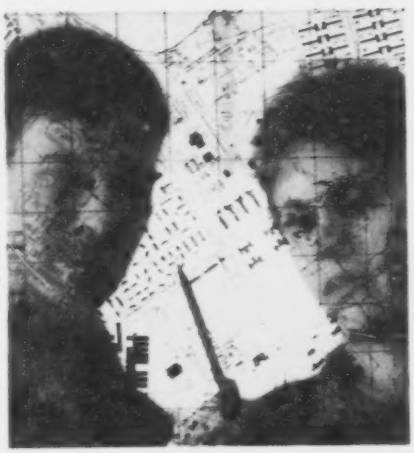
OFFICER BRANCH CODE 88 (TRANSPORTATION)

Branch Code (BC) 88 is the Department of the Army officer specialty that encompasses those commissioned officer positions related to the functional planning, procurement, coordination and control of the movement of personnel, personal property and materiel on commercial and military transport. This includes the correlation of all facets of transportation pertaining to water, rail, highway, and multimodal transport systems including the assessment of transport capabilities, and the integration of transport functions, facilities, and plans. BC 88 is the entry specialty for the Transportation Corps officer.

Transportation officers can expect to perform a variety of positions. Chances are that your first assignment will be as a truck platoon leader.

MOTOR TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

As a platoon leader in a motor transport unit, you will be responsible for the leadership, operations, and maintenance of up to forty five drivers and vehicles. You may be involved with long-distance line haul operations, heavy equipment (tank) transport, or direct support to tactical units in an infantry, mechanized or armored division. The challenges and leadership experiences gained as a platoon leader will prepare the transportation lieutenant for those critical positions demanding the most from officers in today's Army—providing the key link in logistics support: transportation.



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The transportation officer is responsible for all aspects of traffic management and must coordinate the major logistical delivery systems so that the movement of military assets is conducted in the most efficient and expeditious manner.

Unit air movement is a critical part of the multi-modal system. As a Transportation Corps officer you may be called upon to organize and execute Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group operations. Working on-site at the airfield, A/DACG officers provide liaison between Army and Air Force elements, and are responsible for the marshalling and movement of Army units to and from the aircraft.

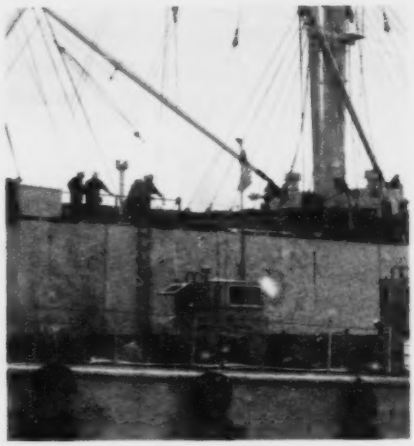
The Army traffic manager is also responsible for knowing how to plan, organize, and coordinate the movement of assets and personnel by rail, highway, and ocean transportation. This requires an officer to have an extensive knowledge of tariffs, transport networks, and regulations in the civilian, as well as military transportation areas.

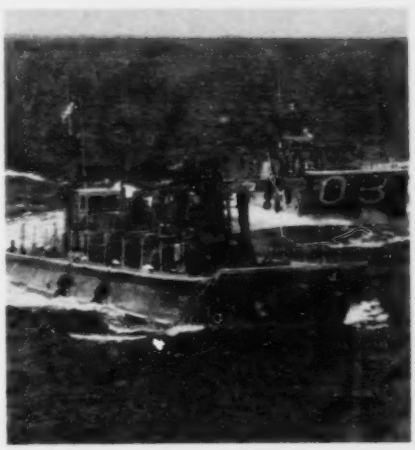
MARINE TERMINAL OPERATIONS

Marine terminal operations, a little-known but extremely important transportation field, encompasses those positions related to the management and operation of Army terminal and port facilities as well as the "Army's Navy." The Army fleet consists of landing craft, cargo vessels, tugs, over-the-shore lighters, air-cushioned vehicles, floating cranes, and marine maintenance facilities.

As a marine terminal officer you may lead a platoon in a watercraft company, a terminal service, or terminal transfer unit operating out of military ports or conducting logistics-over-the-shore (LOTS) operations. These rapidly deployable units frequently respond to worldwide contingency exercises to provide the essential final link in the movement of personnel and cargo from the United States to the combat units.

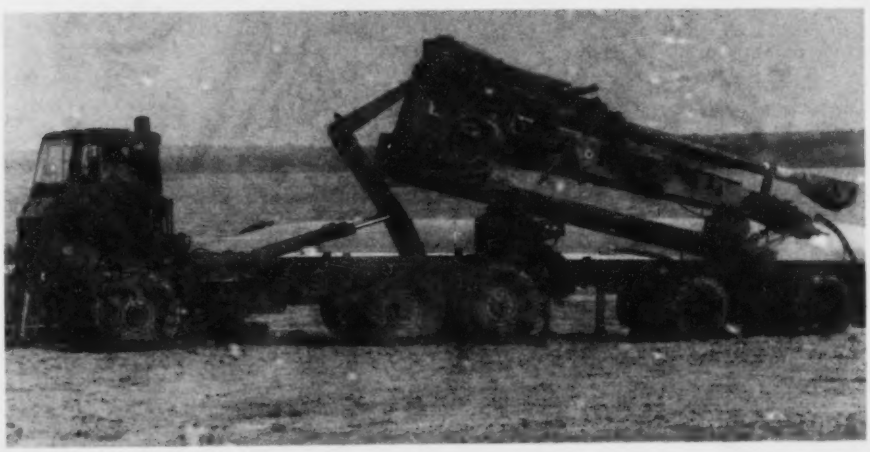
The operation of military ocean terminals is the task of the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC). Into these ports flow millions of tons of supplies and equipment. As a port operations officer, it will be your job to get the cargo off the ships and moving forward to units.



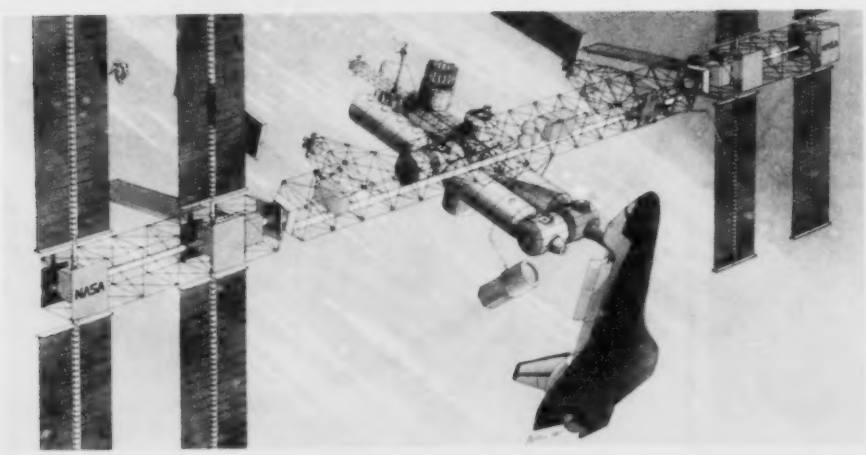


THE FUTURE

The LACV-30: Lighter, Amphibian Air Cushion Vehicle provides rapid and efficient movement of cargo from ship to shore in logistics-over-the-shore operations. This, and other developmental systems will ensure that the Army's transportation needs stay at the forefront of movements technology.



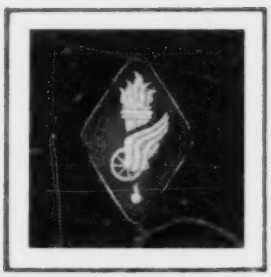
Tne PLS: This new system called the palletized load system (PLS) is designed to move cargo from ships' container cell to the frontline soldiers with a minimum of handling. A single operator can load or unload this all-terrain vehicle and its trailer, saving time, materiel handling equipment (MHE), and support personnel.

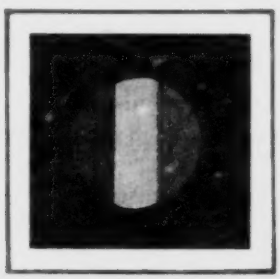


Space: The Transportation Corps is in the forefront of transportation technology and has a prominent role in the Army Space Program. As with other frontiers, the Transportation Corps will provide the leadership and means to enable the Army to move forward into space.

THE ASSIGNMENT

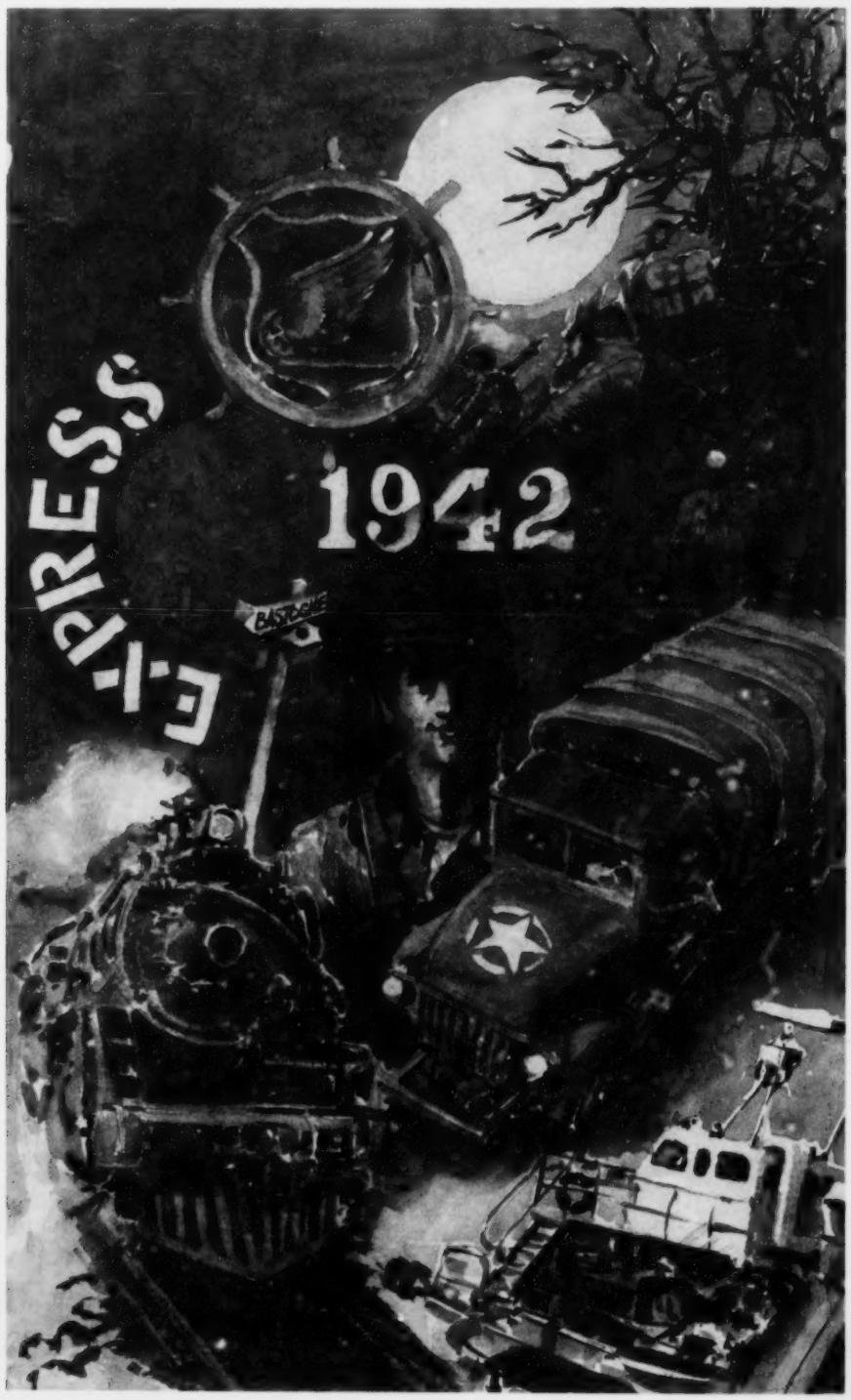
Interesting and rewarding transportation assignments are available worldwide. New faces, new places, and new leadership challenges in marine/terminal, traffic management and motor transport operations are waiting to be met. **Stake your claim in tomorrow today.**

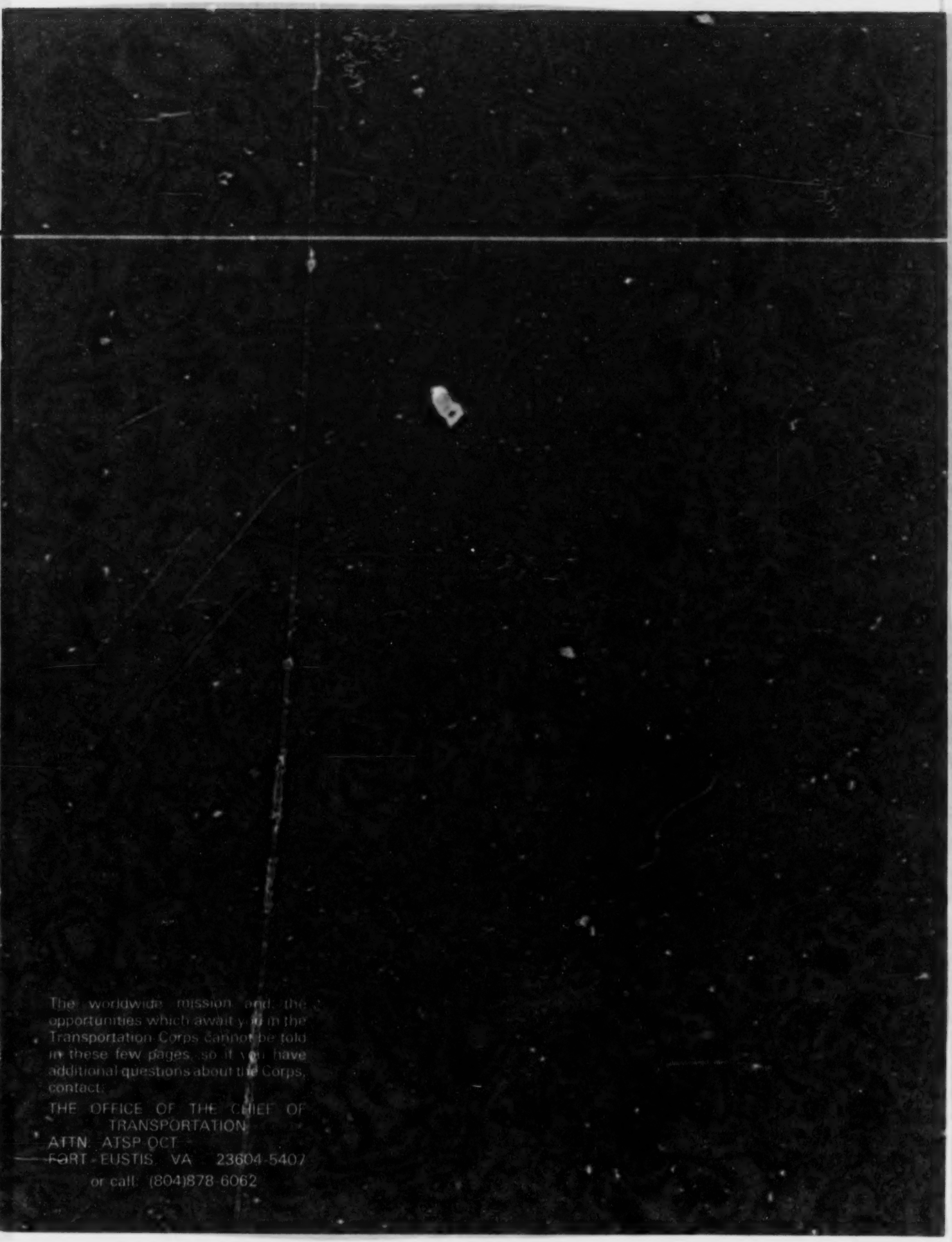




FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Since man first began waging war, he has found it necessary to establish and maintain the flow of personnel, equipment, and supplies to the battle area in order to achieve victory. There have always been, and will always be, those who are charged with this mission, The U.S. Army Transportation Corps needs men and women who can carry on the tradition of logistical excellence that assured triumph in the past and ensures victory in the future.





The worldwide mission and the opportunities which await you in the Transportation Corps cannot be told in these few pages, so if you have additional questions about the Corps, contact:

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